



THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20468

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Timothy M. Hohl
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Dear Mr. Hohl:

The Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), the regulatory agency that administers and enforces the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), has ascertained information in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities indicating that you may have violated the Act. Specifically, it appears that you may have knowingly helped or assisted Express Freight of Florida, LLC and/or MTampa Financing Company, LLC to make contributions to Vern Buchanan's campaign for Congress in the name of Terry Keith Howell in the amount of \$8,000 in or about March 2008, and possibly other contributions. See Title 2 of the U.S. Code ("U.S.C."), Section 441f and Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 119.4(b)(iii).

The Commission's Office of the General Counsel is reviewing this information in connection with making a recommendation to the Commission as to whether there is reason to believe that you violated the Act, an initial determination necessary to initiate an investigation into whether a violation has, in fact, occurred. See 2 U.S.C. Section 437g(a)(2). Before the General Counsel makes such a recommendation, you may provide in writing any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to this matter. Your submission, if you choose to make one, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter and submitted to the General Counsel's Office. Subsequently, the General Counsel's Office will present its recommendations to the Commission. Any response submitted by you will be taken into account in these recommendations. The Commission will then consider the recommendations and, if the Commission finds that there is reason to believe you violated the Act, initiate an enforcement matter regarding your role in connection with Terry Keith Howell's campaign contributions to Vern Buchanan's campaign for Congress that were paid for with funds from Express Freight of Florida, LLC and/or MTampa Financing Company, LLC.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. Sections 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(1)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by legal counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

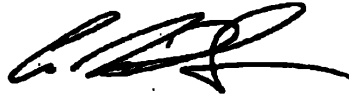
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If you have any questions, please contact Jack Gould or Michael Columbo, the attorneys handling this matter, at (202) 694-1650 or toll free at 1-800-424-2530. Information is also available on the Commission's web site at www.fec.gov.

Sincerely,

Thomasenia P. Duncan
General Counsel



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